

3.6 LANDSCAPE PROTECTION

The Contractor is required to protect trees, shrubs, grass, and landscaping on Dobbins in accordance with this paragraph. Land resources shall be preserved in their present condition or be restored to original condition which existed at the commencement of work. The Contractor shall confine his work activities to areas defined by the specifications and/or drawings and to areas authorized by the Contracting Officer for other operations needed for the Contractor's performance.

3.6.1 References

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| a) Dobbins INRMP | Dobbins ARB Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP) (Feb. 2001 or Current) |
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3.6.2 Submittals

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3.6.3 Protection of Existing Trees

3.6.3.1 Except in areas marked on the drawings to be cleared, the Contractor shall not deface, injure, or destroy trees or shrubs, nor remove or cut them without approval from the Contracting Officer. Trees designated as "to be saved" shall be protected from excavation or filling, storage and parking within the root zone closer than the normal drip line of the tree. No ropes, cables, or guys shall be fastened to or attached to any existing trees for anchorage unless specifically authorized by the Contracting Officer. Where such special emergency use is permitted, the Contractor shall first adequately wrap the trunk with a sufficient thickness of burlap, rags, etc., over which softwood cleats shall be tied before any rope, cable, or wire is attached. The Contractor shall be responsible for repair or replacement due to any damage resulting from such use.

3.6.3.2 Where trees may possibly be defaced, bruised, injured, or otherwise damaged by the Contractor's equipment or activities, to include the root structure within the dripline of the tree, the Contractor shall protect such trees by constructing barriers or placing boards, planks, or poles around them. Monuments, markers, and works of art shall similarly be protected before proceeding with activities near them.

3.6.4 Restoration of Damage to Landscape Features

3.6.4.1 Any trees, vegetation, or other landscape feature scarred or damaged by the Contractor's equipment or operations shall be restored to its original condition at the Contractor's expense. The Contracting Officer shall approve what manner of restoration shall be used, and whether damaged trees shall be treated and healed or removed and disposed of under requirements for clearing and grubbing.

3.6.4.2 All scars made on trees not designated to be removed, whether by equipment, contractor operations, or the removal of limbs greater than one inch in diameter, shall be coated as soon as possible with a tree wound dressing, unless otherwise directed by the Contracting Officer. All

trimming or pruning shall be performed in a manner approved by the Contracting Officer. The use of axes or climbing spurs shall not be permitted. Trees that are to remain, either within or outside established clearing limits, that are subsequently damaged by the Contractor and are beyond saving shall be immediately removed and replaced by the Contractor as directed by the Contracting Officer.